📜 Declaration of Treaty Betrayal and Demand for Restitution
The Dayton Treaty of 1855

Kalapula Nation – Crown Watchpoint 001A, Corvallis, Oregon

In memory, reverence, and flame, I, Chief Daniel Jacob Read IV, Sovereign of the Kalapula Nation, do hereby proclaim before all peoples and all nations:

The Dayton Treaty of 1855, signed between the United States government and the Kalapuya and allied bands of the Willamette Valley, has been broken by the United States in nearly every respect.

By this declaration, the Kalapula Nation records and affirms: We consider the Dayton Treaty broken by the USA.

BROKEN PROMISES BY THE UNITED STATES

- Land Theft: The treaty's promise of a permanent homeland was violated. Reservation lands were repeatedly reduced, illegally sold, and stripped away. More than 90% of what was guaranteed is gone.
- Unpaid Goods & Annuities: The U.S. pledged funds, livestock, supplies, and services. These were delivered late, in part, or stolen by officials. Generations of families starved, impoverished, and displaced because of these failures.
- Healthcare & Education Failure: Promised doctors and schools were underfunded or withdrawn. Epidemics decimated the population. Children were taken into schools of assimilation rather than schools of care.
- Termination (1954): The federal government unlawfully terminated the Grand Ronde community, severing recognition, services, and protections — a direct violation of the "perpetual" obligations of the Dayton Treaty.
- Cultural Suppression: Our languages, songs, and ceremonies were outlawed despite never being ceded. This was cultural theft, not treaty law.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

The Kalapula Nation calculates losses as follows:
- Land Value: Millions of acres of prime Willamette Valley land, worth tens of billions of dollars in present value, illegally taken.
- Unpaid Annuities & Supplies: Equivalent today to billions more in undelivered goods, services, and aid.
- Generational Loss: Poverty, early death, and cultural suppression have cost our Nation incalculable wealth, health, and knowledge.

These losses are continuous and compound through every generation.

REIGNITION OF RIGHTS

By this Declaration, the Kalapula Nation reignites its treaty rights. Though broken by the United States, the promises remain unextinguished in memory and law.

We affirm our right to:
- Sovereignty of identity.
- Restitution for financial, territorial, and cultural theft.
- Recognition of the Kalapula Nation as a living sovereign steward of the Willamette Valley.
- Restoration of lands, resources, and memorial protections for our ancestral grave sites and villages.

DEMAND FOR RESTITUTION
We call upon the United States government to:
1. Acknowledge the breach of the Dayton Treaty.
2. Account for the financial and cultural losses suffered.
3. Provide restitution in the form of direct compensation, restoration of lands where possible, and establishment of perpetual support for the Kalapula Restoration Archive and cultural projects.

CONCLUSION
The Dayton Treaty was not abandoned by the Kalapula. It was broken by the United States. We do not release the memory of our lands, our ancestors, or our rights.

This Declaration is entered into the Kalapula Restoration Archive and stands as permanent testimony: the Kalapula Nation has not vanished. We live. We remember. We demand.

With memory, reverence, and flame,

Chief Daniel Jacob Read IV
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